

Arguably, "First Flight," the dawn of air travel, is one of the greatest achievements of the 20th century. This amazing event is particularly important to North Carolinians who have remembered and honored the Wright brothers' achievements for nearly a century. On our Nation's highways, North Carolina's license plates proudly display the motto "First in Flight." In 1998, the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act established a federal commission to properly celebrate the Wright brothers' accomplishments and coordinate the activities surrounding the centennial in 2003.

The Centennial of Flight Commission will develop a calendar of events, circulate information on the Centennial, help in publishing scholarly works related to "First Flight," and sponsor civic and educational programs in both North Carolina and Ohio. S. 1072 makes in order certain technical corrections to the original Commemoration Act, which are necessary for the Commission to carry out its mandate. I believe the Commission will prove invaluable to the effective coordination of commemorative events as the 100-year mark of the historic "First Flight" quickly approaches. Please join me in honoring the achievements of Orville and Wilbur Wright as well as an unforgettable century of aviation by supporting this bill.

Mr. HOBSON. Madam Speaker, I would like to share my support of this bill—crafted by my good friend and colleague, Senator MIKE DEWINE—to make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act, which Congress passed last year. After the bill became law, the Department of Justice and the Office of Government Ethics expressed concerns about some of the bill's provisions, which we are here to correct today. I was pleased that members of the Ohio and North Carolina delegations worked together in a timely manner to address those concerns.

As 2003 quickly approaches, I look forward to participating in the commemorative events and celebrations coordinated by the Centennial of Flight Commission. The 2003 celebration will highlight one of history's most remarkable achievements and showcase the impressive growth of the Miami Valley's aerospace industry, which the Wright Brothers pioneered nearly a century ago.

The Wright Brothers of Ohio began this century in flight. The Miami Valley—and indeed the world—will honor their achievement at the dawn of the next century, and look beyond the horizon of history to ask "What if?"

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1072.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the Senate bill just passed, as well as on H.R. 717, the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 1999, and H. Con. Res. 187, Expressing the Sense of Congress Regarding the European Council Noise Rule Affecting Hushkitted and Reengineered Aircraft.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2605, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Florida submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 2605) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 106-336)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2605) "making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, for energy and water development, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

The following appropriations shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers for authorized civil functions of the Department of the Army pertaining to rivers and harbors, flood control, beach erosion, and related purposes.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses necessary for the collection and study of basic information pertaining to river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects, restudy of authorized projects, miscellaneous investigations, and, when authorized by laws, surveys and detailed studies and plans and specifications of projects prior to construction, \$161,994,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is directed to use the remaining unobligated funds appropriated in Public Law 102-377 for the Red River Waterway, Shreveport, Louisiana, to Daingerfield, Texas, project for the feasibility

phase of the Red River Navigation, Southwest Arkansas, study.

CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL

For the prosecution of river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects authorized by laws; and detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of projects (including those for development with participation or under consideration for participation by States, local governments, or private groups) authorized or made eligible for selection by law (but such studies shall not constitute a commitment of the Government to construction), \$1,400,722,000, to remain available until expended, of which such sums as are necessary for the Federal share of construction costs for facilities under the Dredged Material Disposal Facilities program shall be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, as authorized by Public Law 104-303; and of which such sums as are necessary pursuant to Public Law 99-662 shall be derived from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, for one-half of the costs of construction and rehabilitation of inland waterways projects, including rehabilitation costs for the Lock and Dam 25, Mississippi River, Illinois and Missouri; Lock and Dam 14, Mississippi River, Iowa; Lock and Dam 24, Mississippi River, Illinois and Missouri; and Lock and Dam 3, Mississippi River, Minnesota; London Locks and Dam; Kanawha River, West Virginia; and Lock and Dam 12, Mississippi River, Iowa, projects; and of which funds are provided for the following projects in the amounts specified:

Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana, \$8,000,000;

Harlan/Clover Fork including grading and landscaping of the disposal site at the Harlan floodwall, Pike County, Middlesboro, Martin County, Pike County Tug Forks Tributaries, Bell County, Harlan County, and Town of Martin elements of the Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River project in Kentucky, \$14,050,000;

Jackson County, Mississippi, \$800,000;

Natchez Bluff, Mississippi, \$2,000,000;

Passaic River Streambank Restoration, New Jersey, \$6,000,000; and

Upper Mingo County (including Mingo County Tributaries), Lower Mingo County (Kermit), Wayne County, and McDowell County, elements of the Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River project in West Virginia, \$4,400,000:

Provided, That no part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be expended or obligated to begin Phase II on the John Day Drawdown study or to initiate a study of the drawdown of McNary Dam unless authorized by law: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, may use \$1,500,000 of funding appropriated herein to initiate construction of shoreline protection measures at Assateague Island, Maryland, subject to execution of an agreement for reimbursement by the National Park Service: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, may use Construction, General funding as directed in Public Law 105-62 and Public Law 105-245 to initiate construction of an emergency outlet from Devils Lake, North Dakota, to the Sheyenne River, except that the funds shall not become available unless the Secretary of the Army determines that an emergency (as defined in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122)) exists with respect to the emergency need for the outlet and reports to Congress that the construction is technically sound, economically justified, and environmentally acceptable and in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.): Provided further, That the economic justification